

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated December 30, 2005. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5 have been allowed in this application, wherein claims 6-7 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Title of the Invention being amended to correct formal errors and/or to better recite or describe the features of the present invention as claimed. All the amendments to the claims are supported by the specification. Applicant hereby submits that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Formal Objections

The Examiner objected to the Title of the Invention as not being descriptive of the invention. Since no other substantive issues were outstanding in this case, the Examiner has closed prosecution on the merits in this case in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*. As noted above, the Title of the Invention is being amended in accordance with the Examiner's requirements.

Regarding the Examiner's observation that the certified priority document is not of record in this case, Applicant will point out that the present application is a continuation of Application No. 10/083,341. The certified priority document was submitted and is of record in the parent application. Thus, Applicant will further submit that the claim to priority in this application is proper, and no further action on the part of Applicant is necessary in order for the benefit of the claim to priority to be received. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge and confirm the claim to priority and the receipt of the certified priority document for this application.

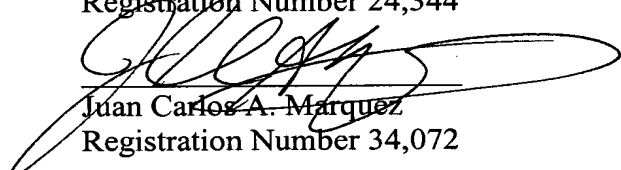
Conclusion

In view of all the above, clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art as a whole. Thus, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art. In addition, since all issues on the merits are closed and the remaining formal matters have been addressed as outlined hereinabove, Applicant will contend that this application is now fully in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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